

WADDELL ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

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Dear Waddell Families,

I hope you have had a wonderful summer! While you have been reading, resting, and playing in the sun, we have been busy getting the school ready for your return! The first day of school is **Thursday, August 27th, 2015**, which will be a full day of school. School hours are 9:05 am – 3:25 pm.

Important dates to remember for August and September:

August 26	Kindergarten Orientation
August 27	First Day of School
September 7	Labor Day (school is not in session)
September 9	First PTA Meeting
September 10	Open House
September 16	Professional Development for Staff (Half day for students 9:05 am – 1:17 pm)

Please take a moment to look at our school website. It is updated frequently and contains important information including the student handbook, calendar, emergency closings and delays, PTA events, and other happenings at Waddell. Additionally, each grade level has their own link on our school site that includes grade specific information such as interactive websites, grade level activities, and class news.

This summer, many great changes have happened at our building. Due to the dedication of our PTA, donations from surrounding businesses, and hard work of many volunteers in the Waddell community, we are excited to have a new addition to our playground! For a more detailed list of volunteers and contributing businesses, please visit our school website. We have also added new parking in the parking lot at the rear of the building. This is allowing us to have a safer means for pick-up and drop-off of students. Within this packet, you will find the new pick-up and drop-off procedures. Please carefully read these procedures and help us to have a safer and smoother start and end to our days.

As one of the newest members of the Waddell family, I am looking forward to partnering with you as we continue to grow as a school and a community. With that in mind, you are invited to be an active participant at Waddell Elementary School. Whether you are a classroom volunteer, a member of the PTA, attending a school event, or stopping by our Family Resource Center, we encourage you to be involved. Research on schools clearly demonstrates that family participation in their child's school coincides with a greater likelihood of academic success for their child.

If you have questions or concerns that arise at any time, please do not hesitate to give your child's teacher or me a call. I look forward to meeting you as we open the new year together!

Sincerely,

Kim Loveland
Principal